

Appl. No. 09/715,693
Amdt. dated 15-Sept-2005
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration Requested

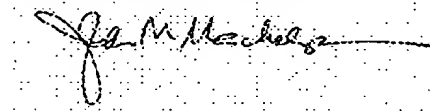
Applicant has given careful consideration to the grounds of the examiner in rejecting applicant's claims 1, 2, 14 and 20 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by one reference Dantu et al. US Pat. N^o 6,532,088 B1.

The examiner has already recognized—in allowing a significant portion of applicant's claims—that there are claimed features missing from the references, namely, features recited in applicant's claims 3-13, 15-19, 21 and 22. While applicant maintains a position that all claims as presented prior to amendment herein contain patentable subject matter as far as the outstanding rejections under §102(e), to proceed without appeal and without further expense of seeking other costly, available procedures, the claims have herein been amended pursuant to the examiner's recommendation. In light of the substantial increase on 08-Dec-2004 in *per claim* fees above three total independent claims already paid, the applicant has made the recommended claim amendments with an eye toward economizing on total additional fees. Applicant respectfully solicits reconsideration of the examiner's latest objections to claims 3-13, 15-19, 21, and 22.

Summary/Conclusion

The claims overcome the examiner's objections by claiming unique combination(s) of features; and as such, all pending claims under consideration are patentably distinct from the art and thus contain allowable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. Please do not hesitate to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of September 2005,



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